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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Kodiak Area Jig Gear Limit Increase**

In January 2020, the Alaska Board of Fisheries increased the jig gear limit for the Kodiak Area. Beginning June 5, 2020, vessels targeting groundfish with mechanical jigging machine gear in the Kodiak Area may operate up to 6 machines with a maximum of 30 hooks per line. Participants are reminded that jig gear vessels may not have more than 500 hooks in aggregate on board the vessel.

Under state regulation, vessel operators participating in parallel groundfish fisheries are not required to possess a federal fishing permit (FFP) or gear endorsement administered through the federal License Limitation Program (LLP). However, it is the responsibility of vessel operators who possess an FFP to understand applicable federal regulations, including regulations regarding gear limits.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.

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